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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL CLARIFICATIONS OF GSP

REF: A. LISBON 166, B. STATE A-7142 OF 24 NOVEMBER 1975,
C. LISBON 7706

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1. THE PERCENTAGE OF U.S. IMPORTS FROM PORTUGAL FOR THE

TSUS NUMBERS IN PARA 2 REF A, ACCORDING TO USG BUREAU OF CENSUS STATISTICS (FOB) WAS:

TSUS NUMBER	1974 SHARE OF IMPORTS	1975 SHARE OF IMPORTS THROUGH NOVEMBER 1975
220.10	87	97
220.15	95	93
220.20	91	82
220.35	100	100
220.38	99	99
220.40	77	94
220.45	81	75
220.50	70	53
452.24	54	61

COMPLETE 1975 DATA IS NOT YET AVAILABLE. THE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER JANUARY 27. PLEASE ADVISE IF IT IS STILL DESIRED.

2. THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE IS NO ARTICLE LIKE OR DIRECTLY COMPETITIVE WITH EUCALYPTUS OIL (SEE ENCLOSURE 4 OF REF B) WAS BASED ON AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION INVESTIGATION AND REPORT. HENCE, PORTUGAL WOULD RECEIVE DUTY FREE TREATMENT FOR TSUS 452.24, ALTHOUGH IT SUPPLIES MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF U.S. IMPORTS. IF GOP IS CONSIDERING AN ARGUMENT THAT PROCESSED FORMS OF CORK ARE NOT COMPETITIVE WITH U.S. PRODUCTS, WE WOULD, OF COURSE, LISTEN. HOWEVER, WE COULD OFFER VERY LITTLE HOPE THAT SUCH AN ARGUMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTED.

3. IN PARTIAL RESPONSE TO PARA 1, REF C, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO LOWER MFN TARIFFS ON 133 TARIFF LINE ITEMS IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THE PREFERENTIAL MARGIN, PROVIDED U.S. TRADE REMAINS SIGNIFICANT. THE 1974 ISRAELI IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. UNDER THESE TARIFF ITEMS WERE 151 MILLION DOLLARS. THE ITEMS ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE ON THE LIST GIVEN TO PORTUGAL.

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4. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY CLARIFICATION (REF A PARA 5) CONCERNING PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS OF 3 STATISTICAL ITEMS ON PRODUCT LIST. OUR SOURCE IN ASSIGNING THESE DESCRIPTIONS WAS "BULLETIN INTERNATIONAL DES DOUANES (NUMBER 9)" WHICH DOES NOT OFFER A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF ITS DESCRIPTIONS BY EIGHT-DIGIT STATISTICAL NUMBERS. DESCRIPTIONS ON LIST WERE ONLY INDICATIVE NOT EXACT. THEREFORE MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL FOR STATISTICAL

NUMBERS 56.01.02.01 AND 87.03.03.02 SHOULD BE USED.
DESCRIPTION CONTAINED IN LIST FOR 30.03.04.99 SHOULD
READ "OTHER MEDICAMENTS" NOT "WADDING, GAUZE, ETC."
THIS WAS ERROR IN ORIGINAL TRANSMISSION OF LIST.

5.RESTATISTICAL 37.02.02.00 WE HAVE REVIEWED PORTUGAL-EC
AGREEMENT (ARTICLE 4 PARA 4) AND NOTE THAT PORTUGAL IS
OBLIGATED TO REMOVE FISCAL ELEMENT OF THIS DUTY (WHICH
IS ENTIRE 24 ESCUDOS/KG) NO LATER THAN 1 JANUARY 1980.
IF IN FACT NO REDUCTION HAS YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND EC
DOES NOT YET ENJOY PREFERENTIAL RATE, THIS ITEM MAY BE
DELETED FROM OUR CURRENT REQUEST LIST, BUT WE EXPECT
EQUAL TREATMENT IN 1980, IF THE FISCAL ELEMENT OF THE DUTY
IS REMOVED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF THIS. '

6. REGARDING PARA 4 OF REF A, U.S. IMPORT DATA IS ON FOB
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